A.—(*a*) (*b*) & (*c*) (1) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 160. The recommendations of the Committee fall generally under three main heads :—

(i) those that require legislation either in the Indian Legislature or in the Provincial Legislature ;

(ii) those that require action by the High Court or by presiding officers of courts ; and

(iii) those that require administrative action by local Governments.

The Government of India are addressing the local Government on all the recommendations.

(2) Recommendations coming under class (i) are being examined by this Government in consultation with the Honourable the Judges of the High Court. The views of the local Government on these recommendations will be forwarded to the Government of India and steps will be taken where necessary to give effect to the suggestions by legislation in the Central or in the Provincial Legislature as the case may be.

(3) In the case of the recommendations coming under class (ii) the Committee have suggested that some of the recommendations may, in the interests of uniformity, be most conveniently given effect to by legislation. The opinion of the local Government on these recommendations together with the views of the Honourable the Judges will be forwarded to the Government of India who will decide whether any and if so which of the recommendations should be made the subject of legislation and which should be left to the High Court to deal with under their rule-making powers. As regards the less important recommendations under this head, the Honourable the Judges are being requested to take the necessary action.

(4) Finally, in the case of the proposals that fall under class (iii) the Government are examining the recommendations of the Committee in consultation with the High Court.

(5) The Council will be consulted as occasion arises.

The functions of the Revenue Divisional Officer, British Cochin.

*166 *Q.*—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in British Cochin the Revenue Divisional Officer is also the Subordinate Judge ;

(*b*) whether in posting such officers any attention is paid to their legal qualifications ; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose in future to appoint to such office only officers who possess judicial qualifications ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) Yes, as far as practicable.